

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8002

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Charles Womack of Cookeville for his service with the TennGreen Land Conservancy.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee owes a debt of gratitude to those passionate stewards whose diligence in preserving our natural resources ensures the beauty, health, and viability of our land for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Charles Womack of Cookeville, who, after devoting twenty-one years of exemplary service and leadership to the TennGreen Land Conservancy Board of Directors, has stepped down from his post; and

WHEREAS, the TennGreen Land Conservancy (formerly the Tennessee Parks & Greenways Foundation) was founded in 1998 by Kathleen Williams and is the oldest accredited statewide land conservancy in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an avid hiker, respected politician, and powerhouse fundraiser, Dr. Womack has been a staunch supporter of TennGreen's mission since its first acquisition project of Black Mountain near Crossville; he joined the organization's board in 2000, during its infancy, bringing an unrelenting passion and championship for conservation that undoubtedly contributed to TennGreen's growth and success; and

WHEREAS, he served terms as the board's chair and as Middle Tennessee vice president, often kickstarting urgent land protection opportunities by rallying his extensive network of contacts and friends; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Charles Womack played a significant role in conserving more than 40,000 acres of land; he was essential in completing projects such as

Bee Rock, Black Mountain, Crusher Hole at Fall Creek Falls, Cummins Falls, Devilstep Hollow/Head of Sequatchie, Stillhouse Hollow Falls, Welch's Point, and Virgin Falls; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Womack's indelible contributions to this State through his two decades of leadership with the TennGreen Land Conservancy has had and will continue to have a resounding impact on untold numbers of Tennessee citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend, congratulate, and extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Charles Womack for his twenty-one years of service as a member of the TennGreen Land Conservancy Board of Directors, wishing him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.